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SUBJ REQ FOR HELP IN RECOVERING NASA BALLOON PAYLOAD

1. FOLLOWING CABLE HAS BEEN SENT COMMERCIALY FROM DR NAUGLE  
TO ACADEMICIAN B N PETROV. PLEASE ENSURE PETROV HAS RECEIVED.

2. QUOTE. FLIGHT TERMINATION DEVICES ON A RESEARCH BALLOON FAILED  
TO FUNCTION PROPERLY ON A RECENT FLIGHT. THE BALLOON DRIFTED  
WESTWARD OVER ALASKA AND ENTERED SOV AIRSPACE ON JULY 18, 1973. THE  
SOV FONMIN HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE BALLOON ENTERING SOV AIRSPACE  
THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

THE BALLON IS CARRYING A VALUABLE COSMIC RAY RESEARCH INSTRUMENT  
SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION  
AND PROFESSOR ROCHUS VOGT OF THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.  
I WOULD APPRECIATE GREATLY YOUR ASSISTANCE IN RECOVERING THE PAYLOAD

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INTACT AND RETURNING IT TO PROFESSOR VOGT. THE SCIENTIFIC

INSTRUEMNT IS UNDER A GAS PRESSURE OF 1.5 ATMOSPHERES OF NEON AND  
HELIUM MIXTURE. CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IF THE PAYLOAD  
IS OPENED TO ALLOW THE GAS TO DISCHARGE SLOWLY. THE PAYLOAD IS  
OTHERWISE NOT DANGEROUS TO HANDLE AND CAN BE TRANSPORTED WITH REASON-  
ABLE EASE. SCIENTIFIC DATA IS CONTAINED ON A TAPE RECORDER IN  
THE PAYLOAD. THE TAPE RECORDER AND TAPE SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT  
NEAR STRONG MAGNETIC FIELDS OR IT MAY ERASE VALUABLE DATA. PROF VOGT  
OR I CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH ANY FURTHER DETAILS OF THE PAYLOAD YOU  
REQUIRE TO ASSIST IN ITS RECOVERY. UNQUOTE.

3. FYI. DEPT BRINGS TO SCIATT ATTENTION THAT SOV EMB IN WASHINGTON  
NOT REPEAT NOT SOV FONMIN HAS BEEN ADVISED BY DEPT OF BALLOON ENTRY  
INTO SOV AIRSPACE. MAY WISH TO MAKE THIS CLARIFICATION WITH  
PETROV. END FYI. RUSH

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